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Copyists and Examiners of the Revenue Department.

* 304 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the class under which Copyists and Examiners of the Revenue Department are placed;

(b) whether these office holders are entitled to pensions, leave and other facilities enjoyed by corresponding grade Government servants of other departments; and

(c) if, not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Copyists and Examiners of Revenue Department do not belong to any class or category of the Subordinate Services and the Service rules applicable to regular Government servants do not apply to them. They are entertained either on a fixed monthly salary or as piece workers and paid for the work done by them.

" (b) & (c) Copyists and Examiners of the Revenue Department are not given the concessions regarding pension, leave allowance and House Rent Allowance.

With the abolition of the Zamindaris and the introduction of the Scheme of Separation of the judiciary from the Executive in many districts, there is little need for copyists and examiners, or at any rate for whole time copyists and Examiners in the Revenue Department. Many of the Revenue Department copyists and examiners have been absorbed in the Judicial Magistrates' Courts in the districts where the separation scheme has been introduced. The concessions of higher emoluments and leave and pension benefits already admissible to the copyists and examiners of the Civil Judicial Department have been extended to those in the Judicial Magistrates' Courts under the Separation scheme also with effect from 25—10—1952. The copyists and examiners of the Revenue Department, who are absorbed in the Judicial Magistrates' Courts will therefore be eligible for the above concessions. As it is not possible to forecast with accuracy the number of whole time copyists and examiners, if any, that will be required in the Revenue Department and the average emoluments they are likely to earn after the Separation Scheme has been extended throughout the State, the Government have deferred consideration of the question of granting pensionary and leave benefits to the Revenue Department copyists and examiners till the scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive is extended to the whole State."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"Why should the Government wait, till the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive is extended to the whole State, for granting pensionary and leave benefits to the Revenue Department copyists and examiners? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If, after my having read this long answer, the hon. Member puts the question, I cannot understand it."

Collection of this year's instalment of the cost of oil engines and pumpsets in Chingleput district.

3 p.m. * 305 Q.—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri N. Ramakrishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the ryots of Chingleput district requesting the postponement of collection of this year's instalment to be paid towards the cost of oil engines and pump-sets purchased from the Government on hire purchase system for irrigation purposes; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government have already ordered the following :—

(1) Postponement of the collection of instalments due in Fasli 1361 (July 1951 to June 1952) towards the cost of oil engine and electric motor pump-sets supplied to ryots by the Agricultural Department under the hire purchase system in the areas declared by the Government as affected by adverse seasonal conditions and in which the collection of instalments towards the takkavi loans sanctioned by the Government under the Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists Loans Acts have been suspended for the year, by one instalment period (i.e., one year) without any additional interest being charged for the period of postponement. The remaining instalments also to be postponed by one year without any additional interest for the postponed period;

(2) The adjustment of any amount already paid by a hire purchaser towards the instalment due in Fasli 1361 (July 1951–June 1952) in the areas referred to in (1) above towards the instalment due in fasli 1362 (July 1952—June 1953) ; and

(3) In cases where oil engine and electric motor pumpsets were supplied under the hire purchase system in Fasli 1361, postponement of the collection of the first instalment due in Fasli 1362 by one instalment period without any additional interest for the period of postponement, the remaining instalments also being postponed by one year without any additional interest for the period of postponement.

The above concessions are in force in Chingleput district.

There is no proposal at present under consideration by the Government for similar postponement of the collection of instalments due in fasli 1362."